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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following complete listing of claims:

1. (canceled)
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4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A panel sawing machine comprising:

a horizontal table to support at least one panel to be cut;

at least one movable device designed to move the panel along the table in at least one of a feed direction and in a direction opposite to the feed direction, in such a way as to feed a sawing device, said sawing device being designed to cut the panel into two or more smaller boards in a direction at right angles to the feed direction, the movable device comprising first drive means, second drive means and a plurality of pickup elements mounted on the movable device side-by-side to hold a rear edge of the panel in position while the panel is being sawn, wherein at least first and second pickup elements of said plurality of pickup elements are both movable by said first drive means bi-directionally relative to the movable device laterally at right angles relative to said feed direction and that wherein said first and second pickup elements are both movable by said second drive means relative to the movable device in said feed direction and a direction opposite the feed direction.

6. (previously presented) The machine according to claim 5, wherein at least one of said first and second pickup elements is also movable up and down in a vertical direction (Z) relative to said movable device.

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